

Art Unit: 3754

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Samuel W. Apicelli on 4/13/2010. In the interview it was noted that several claims were cancelled during prosecution. Since all claims are consecutively numbered in a patent, the claims have been renumbered wherein many of the claims numbers referred to in the specification have changed or have been cancelled. It was agreed to delete all references to claim numbers in the specification.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

In paragraph 6, line 1; "(claim 1)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 7, lines 1-2; "(claim 21)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 9, line 1; "(claim 22)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 9, line 5; "(claim 4, claim 21, claim 23)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 9, line 10; "(claim 2, claim 3)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 13, line 3; "(claim 3)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 14, line 2; "(claim 14)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 15, line 2; "(claim 15)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 15, line 4; "(claim 16)" has been deleted.

In paragraph 15, line 4; "(claim 17)" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Casimer Jacyna whose telephone number is 571-272-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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